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1. AMBASSADOR SPOKE THIS EVENING (MAY 5) WITH DE MONTIGNY MARCHAND, DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE CABINET (OPERATIONS) AND ONE OF TRUDEAU'S CLOSE ADVISORS, TO REITERATE POINTS CONVEYED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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GOLDSCHLAG (REF A) ABOUT OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER GOC APPROACH TO LTDP.

2. MARCHAND THEN SPOKE TO TRUDEAU AND CAME BACK TO AMBASSADOR WITH MESSAGE THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT HIS VIEWS ON SUMMIT IN HIS LETTER OF APRIL 24, THAT THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH INTENTION TO

BE CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT THAT HE (TRUDEAU) HAS NO DESIRE TO BE AN OBSTRUCTIONIST, AND THAT HE REALIZES THE PRESIDENT, AS HOST OF THE SUMMIT, SHOULD HAVE PRIMARY SAY ON THIS SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO MARCHAND, TRUDEAU BELIEVES REAL PROBLEM IS ONE BETWEEN DEFENSE MINISTER. CONFIDENTIAL

3. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT WE BELIEVE MAIN PROBLEM IS HARDY'S ALTERNATIVE DRAFT WHICH COULD HAVE CORROSIVE EFFECT ON ATTITUDES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS. MARCHAND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD SEE WHAT HE COULD DO TO TAKE CARE OF THIS MATTER. ENDERS

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